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E.O. 11652: TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO EGYPT

REF: (A) CAIRO 1476; (B) STATE 25051

1. FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED REF A:
A. SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY SIMON VISIT GIVEN REF B MODIFIED
AS FOLLOWS:

MARCH 4 - AR LUXOR BETWEEN 1910 AND 2040 DEPENDING ON DE-
PARTURE FROM ABU DHABI (SEE SEPTTEL)

MARCH 6 - LV LUXOR 0830, AR CAIRO 1000 (NOTE: USAF
SCHEDULING 1 1/2 HOURS FOR FLIGHT)

B. RE MARCH 7, WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE LUNCH AND DEPARTURE
TIME OPEN BECAUSE SECRETARY MAY PREFER TO LEAVE BEFORE
LUNCH.

C. WE CAN CONFIRM THREE SEATS ABOARD AIRCRAFT FROM LUXOR TO
CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR AND MR. AND MRS. PECK. MRS. SIMON
WILL RPT WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT.

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D. ALTHOUGH NO OFFICIAL CALLS OR PROGRAM SCHEDULED AT

LUXOR, SECRETARY AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF PARTY REQUIRE WORK FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE AT OVERNIGHT STOPS. ADMINIS-

TRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOTEL ROOMS OUTLINED REF B.

E. WITH RESPECT TO SIGHTSEEING IN LUXOR, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SPLITTING PARTY INTO TWO OR THREE GROUPS IF THIS WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT. REGARDING LUNCHEON AND DINNER INVITATIONS, WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION FROM EMBASSY WHETHER THESE WOULD BE STAG AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AMERICANS THAT WOULD BE INVITED. WE WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO INCLUDE AS MUCH OF VISITING PARTY AS POSSIBLE.

F. SECRETARY SIMON IS AGREEABLE TO MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR BRIEF 1-HOUR SESSION.

2. WE ANTICIPATED A FAIRLY LARGE MEETING WITH MIN SHAFEL, PERHAPS PRECEDED BY BRIEF SESSION WITH ONLY FEW PRINCIPALS. DOES EMBASSY ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THIS? INGERSOLL

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